

Torrance, California
January 19, 1937

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an adjourned regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California on Tuesday, January 19, 1937 at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Stanger called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: McGuire, Tolson and Stanger. Absent: Councilmen: Hitchcock and Powell.

Mayor Stanger declared a recess until 7:45 P.M., to await the arrival of the absent Councilmen.

Councilman Hitchcock arrived at 7:38 P.M.

The business of the meeting was resumed at 7:45 P.M.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 12, 1937 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the Pan American Petroleum Corporation, stating that no pipe lines had been laid under City of Torrance Ordinance No. 92 between July 1, 1936 and December 31, 1936. Filed as a matter of record.

Communication from Mr. Scott R. Ludlow, City Treasurer, reporting that on January 13, 1937, at 10:45 A.M., unissued Water Bonds amounting to \$30,000.00 were burned, having been witnessed by B. F. Hannebrink and Robert Garbe, of the National Supply Company, and by Mayor W. H. Stanger and City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, of the City of Torrance

Report from the City Engineer regarding the requests for street improvements in Tract No. 454, recommending that Martha Avenue be graded and opened to public use at this time.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the recommendations of the City Engineer be accepted as read. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities calling attention to meeting Thursday, January 21, 1937 at 6:30 P.M. at San Fernando.

Councilmen Hitchcock, McGuire, Tolson and Stanger, Attorney Rippey and City Clerk Bartlett indicated that they would attend.

In regard to the matter of rezoning property for residential development, as requested by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, the City Engineer reported that he and Councilman Hitchcock were to meet with Mr. Clotfelter, Vice President of the C. C. M. O. on Thursday, January 21st at 10 A.M., and discuss a possible housing program.

The matter of insurance for the City buildings, which had been deferred to this meeting for action, was brought up, and Councilman McGuire moved that the award be made to Mr. W. H. Gilbert, of the Gulf Insurance Company. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Mayor Stanger stated that due to the resignation of Mr. Irvin C. Rous from the Civil Service Commission, someone else should be appointed. He recommended Mr. J. O. Bishop.

Councilman McGuire moved that Mr. J. O. Bishop be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Rous on the Civil Service Board. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Stanger stated that three months ago the City of Torrance had borrowed \$20,000.00 from the Water Company, and asked for a motion regarding the rate of interest to be paid thereon.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Water Company be paid interest at the rate of 3% per annum on \$20,000.00 for three months. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$409.55 be paid to Walker & Eisen, Architects, covering 3/5 of 6%, Architects' fees on Administration Building, as per contract. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$150.00 be appropriated for the purchase of Owl buttons. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Mayor Stanger said that there is a dangerous railroad crossing where the Santa Fe crosses Cedar Avenue, and suggested that a sodium vapor light should be installed.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be instructed to contact the Southern California Edison Company in regard to placing this light and to proceed with the installation. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Engineer Leonard reported that the plans for the Administration Building will probably be delivered on January 20th and that bids will be opened on February 15th.

Mayor Stanger said that the Auditor, Mr. C. J. Rambo, had suggested that the City should have definite assurance of receiving the grant from the Federal Government before accepting bids on the Administration Building.

Councilman McGuire reported that changes are being made in the Municipal Park and that further changes are contemplated.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$350.00 be appropriated to install a sprinkling system, plaster fence, and plant grass and trees on lots adjoining the Library. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Councilman McGuire moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Mayor Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock McGuire, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

At 8:10 P.M., upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Bantel
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Stanger
Mayor of the City of Torrance.